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In re patent application of:

BOARA, *et al.*

Appl. No.: 10/549,681

Filed: September 19, 2005

For: **Silicon Oxide Based Articles**

Art Unit: 4122

Examiner: Elizabeth Royston

Atty. Dkt.: 7601/84393

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**Response to Restriction Requirement**

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Randolph Building  
401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 27, 2009 in which the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement on the claims of the above-captioned application, Applicants hereby elect the claims of restriction Group II. This includes claims 12-24 directed to shaped articles made from silicon dioxide. Included herewith is an Amendment that cancels the claims in the non-elected restriction group and that adds new claims 25-27.

This election is made without traverse.

Applicants do not believe that any fees are required for the filing of the present document. Nevertheless, any fees that may be needed may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-4056 under Order No. 7601/84393.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a phone call would help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned attorney at (240) 683-6165.

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**Amendment Subsequent to Restriction Requirement**

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Sir:

In advance of substantive prosecution, please amend the above-captioned application as described herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of the present document.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of the present document.